UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Special Agent in Charge Forrest Sorrels
United States Secret Service, Dallas

DATE: January 14, 1964

FROM : Supervisor in Charge
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax, Dallas

SUBJECT: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

On November 22, 1963, at approximately 12:35 p.m., information was received that President John F. Kennedy had been shot. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax investigators from the Dallas Branch Office ran from our offices at 912 Commerce Street to the Texas School Book Depository building. At approximately 12:40 p.m., we arrived at the building and reported to Inspector J. H. Sawyer, Dallas Police Department, who was the senior officer present. We assisted in handling the crowds attempting to enter the building and in monitoring radio and other broadcasts at the scene. At approximately 1:30 p.m., Dallas Police Department Assistant Chief G. L. Lumpkin requested that we assist in the second search of the building. We searched the building from the roof downward to the boiler rooms. At approximately 3:00 p.m., we left the building after advising Chief Lumpkin and Sheriff Bill Decker that our men would be available and on call to render any assistance possible.

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax personnel did not question anyone about using the telephone when they arrived at the building.

The names and addresses of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax investigators who participated in this search are:

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